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Aluminium Plant at Salem

* 77 Q.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased—

(*a*) to place on the table of the House, with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 49, dated 14th September 1959, a copy of the report received by the Government from the Italian Experts on the possiblity of starting an aluminium plant at Salem ; and

(*b*) to state the action taken to implement the same?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The report of the Italian Experts on the Salem Aluminium Plant is treated as confidential.

(*b*) Formalities such as applying for a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, to set up the plant have been gone through.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இந்தத் தொழிலை எவ்வளவு நாட்களில் நம் இராச்சியத்தில் ஏற்படுத்தக் கூடும் என்று சொல்லுவார்களா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : எவ்வளவு சீக்கிரமாக ஏற்படுத்த முடியுமோ, அவ்வளவு சீக்கிரமாக ஏற்படுத்த முயற்சி செய்கிறோம்.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : நம் இராச்சியத்தில் கிடைக்கும் பாக்லைட்டின் தரம் அவ்வளவு போதாது என்று ஜியாலஜிஸ்டின் அபிப்பிராயம் இருந்ததே, அது சம்பந்தமாக இடாலியன் எக்ஸ்பர்ட், அதன் தரம் என்ன என்று முடிவு செய்திருக்கிறார்களா? அது சம்பந்தமாகத் தயக்கமில்லாமல், காரியங்கள் நடைபெறுமா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இப்பொழுது இடாலியன் நிபுணர்கள் பரிசீலனை செய்து, தரம் சரியாக இருக்கிறது என்றும், அதை உபயோகிக்க முடியும் என்றும், ஓரளவு அதை உயர்த்த முடியும் என்றும் கூறியிருக்கிறார்கள். அதையொட்டி இப்பொழுது முயற்சி எடுத்து வருகிறோம்.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இந்தத் தொழில் ஏற்படுத்துவதற்குத் தனியார் துறையிலிருந்து யாராவது முன் வந்தார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : தனியார் துறையில் தான் இது நடத்தப்படும்.

Commercial Education

* 78 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to constitute a Board of Commercial Education in the State and, if so, the stage at which the matter now stands;

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(b) the general principles governing the selection of Chief Examiner, Examiners, Assistant Examiners and Dictators for Public Examinations in Shorthand and Typewriting;

(c) the examination fees prescribed for the various grades in Shorthand and Typewriting and whether candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes are exempted from examination fees in this regard;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the dearth of stenographers and typists;

(e) whether any Government grant or subsidy is given to the Commercial Institutes in the State; and

(f) whether the educational concessions provided by Government for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes apply to trainees in the Commercial Institutes and whether the latter are compensated by the Government for the loss of the fee income as in all educational institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The general principles governing the selection of Chief Examiners, etc., for Public Examinations in Shorthand and Typewriting are confidential and it will not be in the public interest to divulge them.

(c) The following is the scale of examination fees prescribed :—

	RS.
Shorthand and Typewriting (English and Tamil)—	
Lower Grade	8
Higher Grade	14
Shorthand (English) 150 words Test ...	17
Shorthand (English) 180 words Test ...	20
Shorthand (English) 200 words Test ...	22
Typewriting (English) High Speed Test ...	15

The candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes are not exempted from payment of fees in respect of the Government Technical Examinations.

(d) There seems to be no noticeable dearth of Stenographers and Typists in English. Suitable measures have been taken by the Government to train the requisite number of Typists in Tamil Typewriting.

(e) & (f) The Pudupet School of Commerce, Madras, is the only Commercial Institute in the State recognized by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, and is eligible for aid from the State funds. The school is entitled to claim compensation for the fee income forgone, if any, on account of grant of fee concession under rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : With reference to the answer to clause (a), may I ask whether the Government will examine the possible advantages of having a separate Board of Commercial Education to regulate the progressive development of commercial courses on modern lines?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think a Board will be necessary at this juncture.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know the class of persons from among whom the Examiners and Assistant Examiners are generally chosen? Are they all Government servants or are outsiders also chosen for these places?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister tell us with regard to high-speed tests whether they ensure that sufficiently proficient Examiners are selected, i.e., people with sufficient training to set papers for high-speed tests and to conduct high-speed tests?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : So far, I have not heard any complaint about the selection of these Examiners.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), will the Government consider the question of grant of exemption from payment of examination fees to members of Scheduled Castes, even if it be by adjustment of the same out of the Harijan Welfare Fund?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As far as payment of fees is concerned, there is no exemption. I suppose it is open to them to apply to the Harijan Welfare Department to get such assistance as is available.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : With reference to the answer to clause (*e*), will the Hon. Minister tell us why aid is given to only one particular school, viz., the Pudupet School of Commerce, and not to other private institutions of the kind?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am informed that the question of rendering help to private institutes to train Government English typists in Tamil typewriting is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister assure us that the concessions now granted to the Pudupet School will be extended to all private commercial institutes which are approved by the Education Department for sending up candidates for the Government Technical Examinations?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I see that even the Pudupet School does not find it necessary to get Government assistance because it is working at a profit. And I am sure it is the same case with other private institutes also and that is why perhaps they have not approached the Government for aid.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : At least to give some rest to the hon. Member Mr. Purushotham, may I put a supplementary question? (Laughter.) The Hon. Minister has said in reply to clause (*b*) that in public interest he cannot divulge certain things. Can he divulge at least such things as are not against public interest?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am unable to follow the question.

Aided Secondary Schools

* 79 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of appeals received by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, from Managements of Aided Secondary Schools in the State requesting for reconsideration of concessions withheld in Audit in 1956–57; and

(*b*) the orders passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Sir, the particulars are not available. The time and labour involved in compiling the particulars will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it true that during audit, on account of technical flaw in income certificates these concessions were withheld in respect of certain Managements?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information. If the hon. Member has got any grievance, he may make representations.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any Audit Code for the guidance of Aided Secondary Managements compiled by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, there is.

Criminal Procedure Code.

* 80 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons arrested under section 42, Criminal Procedure Code, during the year 1959–60 in the City of Madras;

(*b*) the number convicted; and

(*c*) the number acquitted?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Does not arise.